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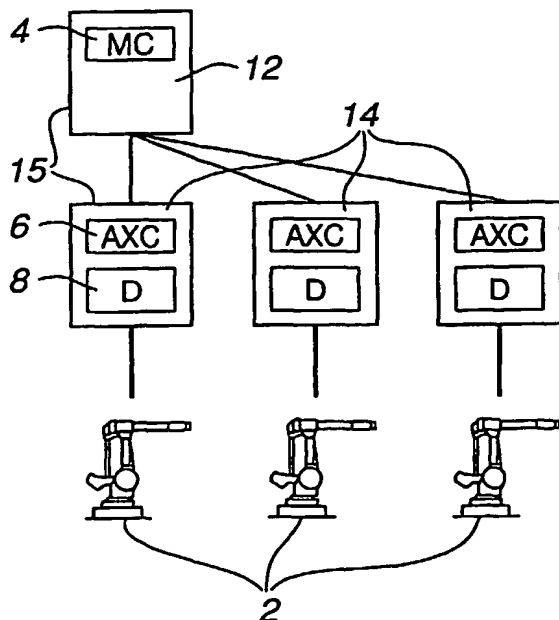
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(57) Abstract: A control unit for controlling one or more manipulators (2), wherein the control system comprises one or more computers (4, 6) and one or more drive units (8) for controlling the manipulator. The control system comprises a plurality of separate modules (12, 14) adapted to handle various functions, wherein each of the modules has its own power supply and is adapted to communicate with at least one of the other modules, the computers (4, 6) and the drive units (8) being arranged in the modules. A method for controlling one or more manipulators, wherein the control system comprises one or more computers (4, 6) and one or more drive units (8) for controlling the manipulators. The control system is divided into a plurality of separate modules adapted to handle various functions, wherein the modules are provided with their own power supply and are brought to communicate with at least one of the other modules.

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